GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3126
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CONSTRUCTION OF ROB RUB IN EAST COAST RAILWAY ZONE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) total number of Road Over Bridges/Road Under Bridges are being constructed in the East Coast Railway Zone on 50:50 sharing basis between the State and the Railways during the last three years;

(b) the progress made of such project during the period;

(c) whether the progress of construction work and completion of such projects are being delayed due to negligence by the work executants more particularly Baudpur and Bhadrak railway stations,construction work at Randia inspite of the target date for completion has expired on August,2008; and

(d) if so,the details of steps taken to expedite the construction work to complete it in time as scheduled?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (DR.R.VELU)

(a): In all 8 works of Road over bridges (ROB) had been sanctioned on cost sharing basis on East Coast Railway Zone during the last three years.

(b): i.Work commenced at site = 1 Nos.
ii.General Arrangement Drawings (GADs)/Alignment Plan not yet approved by State Govt.= 3 Nos.
iii.Design and Drawing of foundation and substructures = 2 Nos.
iv.GAD being prepared for = 2 Nos.

(c): No,Sir.Progress of construction work & completion of projects are not delayed due to negligence of work executants instead there are other factors also. In case of ROB between Baudpur and Bhadrak stations delays are attributed to (i) Detailed Estimate revision (ii) shortage of particular size of steel manufactured by Steel Authority of India (SAIL) and OPC cement in market and (iii) unprecedented increase in cost of steel and cement during 2007-08 (iv) Site being low land area resulting delay in construction work (iv) diversion of road for busy traffic also took time due to non-availability of land for approaches.

(d) With downward trend in prices of Steel and Cement,site of construction now free of all obstructions,the work has been planned with the agency for completion by August.2009.